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LETTER DATED 19 DECEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that the United States Air Force is persisting in its violations of Iraqi airspace, as set forth hereunder.

11/12 December 1991

Seven sorties, flown by one two-aircraft formation and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 metres, centring over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall'afar and Amadiyah.

12/13 December 1991

Twenty sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 680 to 950 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,500 metres, centring over Irbil, Dohuk, Mosul, Zakho and Amadiyah.

13/14 December 1991

Twenty-four sorties, flown by 12 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 950 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 7,000 metres, centring over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall'afar, Sanjar and Amadiyah.

14/15 December 1991

Fifteen sorties, flown by seven two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 metres, centring over Mosul, Tall'afar, Dohuk and Irbil.

At 1225 hours, two F-111s overflew Faruq airfield.

16/17 December 1991

Twenty-five sorties, flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 20,000 metres, centring over Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Tall'afar, Irbil and Rawanduz.

At 0825 and at 1103 hours, two formations of two F-16s each overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 650 to 700 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 metres.

At 0955 and 1005 hours, two formations of two Jaguars each overflew Faruq and Firnas airfields at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 50 to 100 metres.

At 1250 and 1300 hours, two Tornados overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 650 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 50 metres.

17/18 December 1991

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 750 to 950 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 5,000 metres, centring over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall'afar and Ayn Zalah.

At 0805 and 1245 hours, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 650 to 700 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 200 metres.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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